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REQUEST TO REOPEN PROSECUTION UNDER 37 CFR § 41.50(b)

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Decision on Appeal mailed on October 31, 2008 concerning the above identified patent application. Specifically, the previous rejections of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103 have been reversed by the Board. However, the Board has advanced new grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 of claims 1-12. Applicant respectfully submits the enclosed amendment under 37 CFR § 41.50(b) in response to the Decision on Appeal, effectively reopening prosecution of the present application for consideration by the Examiner as to the new grounds of rejection.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.